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The Mutilations of Women In Africa

In 2003, There was a Art piece made by a Kenyan woman named Wangechi Mutu. The Art piece was about women who were being genitally mutilated in Kenya and other parts of Africa. This reflects how the art can bring awareness to a tragedy that no one know about. There are Millions of African women involving genital mutilation. In the Sub-Sahara Africa there are 125 million African women they have been genitally mutilated in 2013 in countries like Kenya, Ethiopia, and Somalia. They are at most risk according to the BBC when the conducted their research in 2013. Also there are other parts of Africa which is West-Africa where it is also a greater risk for women. Also 15-49 year old women are the ones who get genitally mutilated. The artist from Africa is trying to tell a story of horror that the women go through. How is she trying to inform people about this dangerous thing happening? She is trying to raise awareness by talking about her own experience by showing how she experienced the pain by drawing. She made it more visual to make sure people could understand it. She makes it into a physical that way the viewer can use their brain of the physical part of the painting to connect to the psychological part of the brain with the paints with one another.

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